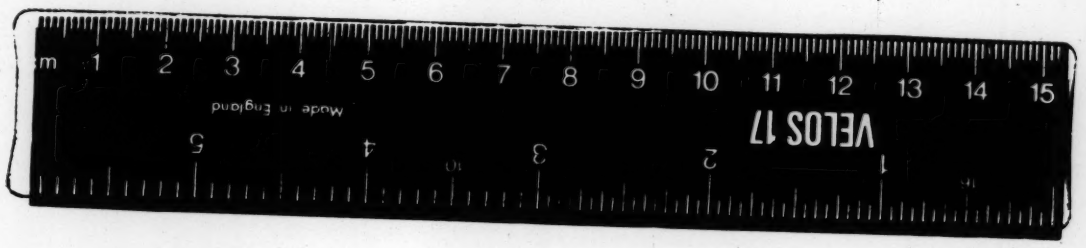
ble ſum of the ſoreſaid Inhabitants [illegible] ſaid Letters Patents haue bæn [illegible] for St. Albons, Virginia, and other decayed Churches, that all the money which they haue receiued, will not ſerue to finiſh the ſaid Church (which hitherto hath bæne very ſubſtantially employed, and with great commendation) vnleſſe ſome further courſe bee forthwith taken for the Pariſhioners reliefe in that behalfe. And for that the poore Inhabitants, notwithſtanding their former charge, haue very willingly and bountifully contributed to the vttermoſt of their abilities towards the building and finiſhing of the ſame; yet for that they haue bæne deeply ſurcharged herein already, and at this inſtant are indebted for the worke already performed, aboue the Sum of Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds more then they haue receiued, They haue moſt humbly beſought Vs, that of Our Princely care and zeale to workes of this nature, in reſpect of the charge already beſtowed and the worke not finiſhed, Wee would be pleaſed to proceed as wee haue begun to the finiſhing of this worke, and to renew our ſoreſaid Letters Patents for ſome other Counties not yet collected, not doubting, but that all good Chriſtians (well weighing the premiſſes) will be ready and willing to extend their liberall contributions towards the finiſhing and performing of ſo Religious and pyous a worke, ſo far & ſubſtantially begun; and without ſome further reliefe, not likely to be perfected & ended.

KNOWE yee thereforе, that of Our eſpeciall Grace and Princely compaſſion, wee haue giuen & granted, and by theſe our Letters Patents doe giue and grant vnto our true and Loyall ſubiects George Blomefield Gentleman, William Netherſtreat, Francis Croſſe, and Iohn Steuens Yeomen, Inhabitants of our ſoreſaid Towne of Clare, and to their Deputy & Deputies, the bearer or bearers hereof, full power, licence & authority, to aske, gather, receiue & take the Almes & charitable benevolence of all our loving ſubiects whatſoeuer Inhabiting within our Counties of Surrey, Barks, Buckingham, Oxford, Somerſet, Devon, Cornwall, Glouceſter, Lancaſter, and Yorke, with our Citty & Vniverſity of Oxford, and in our Cittes of Briſtoll, Bath, & Wells, and Exeter, with our Cities of Glouceſter, and Yorke, with our Towne & County of Kingſton vpon Hull: And in all other Cities, Townes corporate, priuiledged places, Pariſhes, Villages, and in all other places whatſoeuer within our ſaid Counties, and not elſewhere, for and towards the finiſhing and perfecting of the foreſaid good and Godly worke.

WHEREFORE Wee will and command you, and euery of you, that at ſuch time and times as the ſaid George Blomefield, William Netherſtreat, Francis Croſſe, & Iohn Stevens, or their Deputy or Deputies, the bearer or bearers hereof, ſhall come and repaire to any your Churches, Chappels, or other places, to aske, and receiue the gratuities and charitable benevolence of our ſaid Subiects quietly to permit and ſuffer them ſo to doe, without any manner your lets, or contradictions. And you the ſaid Parſons, Vicars, and Curats, for the better ſtirring vp of a charitable deuotion, deliberately to publiſh and declare the Tenor of theſe our Letters Patents vnto our ſaid Subiects, Exhorting & perſwading them to extend their liberall contributions in ſo good and Godly a worke. And you the Churchwardens of euery Pariſh where ſuch Collection ſhall bee made (as aforeſaid) to collect & gather the Almes & charitable benevolence of all our loving Subiects whatſoeuer, within One Moneth next after the receipt of theſe our Letters Patents, or the Copy or Briefe thereof; And what ſhall be by you ſo gathered, to be by the Miniſter and your ſelues endorſed on the Back ſide hereof, in words at length, and not in figures, and the ſame deliuer to the bearer or bearers hereof, when as thereunto you ſhall bee required. Any Statut, Lawe, Ordinance, or prouiſion hertofore made to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

IN witneſſe wherof, wee haue cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents for the ſpace of One whole yeare next after the date hereof to endure. Witnes our ſelfe at Weſtminſter, the Eight day of December, in the Seauenteenth yeere of our Raigne of England, France, and Ireland; and of Scotland the Nine & Fiftieth.

Steward.

God ſaue the King.

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